Statement

State-wise details of funds sanctioned for R&D projects for solar energy programme during the last three years is given below:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

State	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Andhra Pradesh	0.66	21.00	38.00
Delhi	20.94	82.41	23.37
Gujarat	10.00	9.70	-
Haryana	215.00	207.00	32.00
Himachal Pradesh	-	-	1.80
Madhya Pradesh	-	3.75	-
Maharashtra	-	8.80	7.06
Pondicherry	-	-	13.90
Rajasthan	-	86.85	18.00
Tamil Nadu	18.80	2.75	-
Uttar Pradesh	-	35.00	-
West Bengal	21.38	37.00	48.00
Total	286.78	494.26	182.13

REC Projects in Gujarat

1274. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sought by the Rural Electrification Corporation from the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development for various projects in Gujarat during the last three years;

(b) the details of projects undertaken by the REC in the State during the same period; and

(c) the future programme of the REC for the State in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b). National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) does not provide direct loans to Rural Electrification Corporation (REC)/State Electricity Boards (SEBs). It provides refinance to banks to the extent of 50% on the amount disbursed by the banks to SEBs under the Special Project Agriculture (SPA) for pumpset energisation.

REC has sanctioned following new SPA schemes for Gujarat during last three years:

Year	SPA Scheme Sanctioned	REC Share (1/3rd) (Rs. in lakhs)
1993-94	72 SPA	833
1994-95	29 SPA	377
1995-96	-Nil-	*

*NABARD withdrew from SPA Programme with effect from 1995. A new SPA-BF scheme (direct participation with Banks) was introduced during the year 1994-95 and the schemes sanctioned under SPA-BP category are as under:

1994-95	72 SPA-BP	1258.60
1995-96	90 SPA-BP	2246.55

(c) The Annual Plan of Gujarat for the year 1996-97 has not been finalised. However, the tentative proposals of the Gujarat Electricity Board envisaged 75 SPA-BP schemes covering energisation of 30,000 agricultural pumpsets.

Rural Unemployment

1275. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleases to state:

(a) the total number of unemployed in the rural areas in the country, as on the 1st July, 1996; and

(b) what steps are being taken to reduce rural unemployment and whether these steps are showing results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) Total number of unemployed in the rural areas in the country as on 1st July, 1996 have not been estimated. However, total number of unemployed persons in both rural and urban areas at the end of March, 1995 as estimated by Planning Commission is 18.69 million.

(b) To tackle the problem of rural unemployment, Government have been implementing several employment generation programmes. Major programmes include Jawahar Rozgar Yojana and Employment Assurance Scheme which are wage employment programmes and Integrated Rural Development Programme which is a self employment programme. These programmes have helped in providing sustainable employment opportunities to the rural poor and these would be continued in 1996-97.

Development of roads in the Hill districts of U.P.

1276. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 217 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th December, 1995 and state:

(a) whether any funds were earmarked in the sub-plan, especially for macadamization of roads in the hill districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details of funds, district-wise; and

(c) if answer to part(a) above be in the negative, whether any action would be taken to earmark funds for this purpose in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b). An outlay of Rs. 82 crores for roads and bridges under Uttrakhand (Hill Area) Sub-plan, 1995-96 was approved by the Planning Commission. Out of this outlay, Special Hill Assistance stood at Rs. 38.70 crores. The outlay is for construction, widening, surfacing, strengthening, etc., of roads and bridges in the hill districts of Uttar Pradesh. An additional Central Assistance of Rs. 5 crores for improvement of Rishikesh-Joshimath-Badrinath-Mana Road was also sanctioned during 1995-96.

(c) Does not arise.

दिल्ली में पानी का संकट

1277. **श्री इकबाल सिंह:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली में ग्रीष्म ऋतु में पानी का संकट व्याप्त रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) पानी की समस्या का समाधान करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या आवश्यक कदम उठाए गए हैं?

शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा॰ यू॰ वेंकटेश्वरलू): (क) और (ख) दिल्ली में 750 मिलियन गैलन दैनिक पेय जल की जरूरत के मुकाबले 600 मि॰ गैलन दैनिक जल की आपूर्ति की जा रही है।

(ग) दिल्ली में जल-आपूर्ति बढ़ाने हेतु निम्नलिखित उपाय/कार्य हाथ में लिये गये हैं:-

1. नांगलोई में 40 मिलियन गैलन दैनिक क्षमता का जल शोधन संयंत्र निर्माणाधीन है।
2. बबाना में 20 मि॰ गैलन दैनिक क्षमता के जल शोधन संयंत्र के निर्माण हेतु टेन्डर मांगे गए हैं।
3. अलीपुर प्रखण्ड में दो रेनी-कूप चालू किये गये है। तथा तीसरा रेनी-कूप शीर्घ चालू हो जाने